

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 1st, 1921.

The Board of Public Works met at the office of the Executive Department, Annapolis, on Thursday, December 1st, 1921, at 2:30 P.M.

Present:

Albert C. Ritchie, Governor.
John M. Dennis, Treasurer.
E. Brooke Lee, Comptroller.

W. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller Elect was also present.

incl. The Secretary presented a letter from Frank Purviss asking permission to use the lot at Maryland and North Avenues, Baltimore, Maryland, for the purpose of selling Christmas trees. The Board granted the request.

The Board considered an inquiry from Henry S. Rippel, as to whether the property of the State at the Hay Scales at Frederick and Pulaski Streets would be sold, and the Secretary was directed to notify Mr. Rippel that the Board had no authority to make such sale.

The Secretary reported the return of \$35.88 from the Police Department, being the unexpended balance of \$1,000.00 paid for the extradition of David Bender from San Francisco. The Secretary was directed to place the money to the credit of the Contingent Fund.

The account received from the Police Department is as follows:

September 23rd, 1921.

To His Excellency,
The Governor of Maryland,
Annapolis.

Expenses incident to the extradition of David Bender, alias Daniel Martell, arrested in San Francisco, Cal., and returned to the Maryland Penitentiary, and from which institution he escaped on June 27th, last. Agents' warrant and receipt from Warden Sweezey herewith.

Railroad fare, Baltimore to San Francisco and return for two officers, including Pullman one way	\$ 376.50
" " San Francisco to Baltimore for Bender, drawing room included	221.62
Meals for detectives and prisoner, entire trip	93.90
(From San Francisco to Chicago, the detectives were charged an additional 75¢ each meal time for three meals served in drawing room)	
Incidentals (tips to Pullman porters, phone calls, etc.)....	19.94
Agents' fees for two, twelve days each at \$3 a day	72.00
Telegrams	26.46
To Philadelphia and return and to New York and return for Detectives Krätz and Kahler in search of Bender	130.70
Auto hire and meals for Post Office Inspector Mose Durvey from Monticello, N.Y. to Cooks Falls, N.Y. searching for Bender	10.00
Affidavits and court certificate	1.00
Hotel at San Francisco for two, three nights	12.00
Total	\$ 964.12
Amount received	1000.00
Balance returned	\$ 35.88

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The Board considered the request of John N. Mackall, Chairman of the State Roads Commission, that his commission be allowed the interest accruing on unexpended balances from the proceeds of the sale of \$3,000,000.00 of bonds for lateral roads, under the provisions of Chapter 508 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1920.

IT WAS RESOLVED by the Board of Public Works that, in view of the language of that part of Section 6 of Chapter 508 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1920, which is as follows, "The remainder of the proceeds of said loan shall be turned over to it for the following purposes from time to time whenever necessary," all interest accruing on balances credited to the State Roads Commission from the sale of bonds authorized by said Chapter 508 of the Acts of 1920 shall be placed to the credit of the State Roads Commission, and shall be added to the proceeds from such sales.

The Board considered the following letter from the Secretary to the members in reference to insurance on State property:

November 16th, 1921.

Hon. Albert C. Ritchie, Governor,
Hon. John M. Dennis, State Treasurer,
Hon. E. Brooke Lee, Comptroller,
Constituting the Board of Public Works.

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your suggestion, I have made a study of the provisions in force in other states relating to the insurance of State property against loss by fire. I have been able to collect information from forty States, the remaining States failing to answer my letter. Attached to this letter is a report showing the situation in each of those forty States. Where systems of more than ordinary interest are in effect, I have attempted to outline in detail for your information how they are operated, in some instances giving the provisions of legislation on the subject.

Of the forty States with which the attached report deals, eighteen States insure State property in private insurance companies as follows:

Alabama	Georgia	Montana	Vermont
Arizona	Idaho	New Jersey	Virginia
Arkansas	Indiana	North Carolina	West Virginia
Connecticut	Kentucky	Oklahoma	
Delaware	Maine	Texas	

Eighteen States do not insure their property. They are:

California	Minnesota	New York	South Dakota
Illinois	Mississippi	Ohio	Tennessee
Kansas	Missouri	Oregon	Washington
Massachusetts	Nebraska	Pennsylvania	
Michigan	New Hampshire	Rhode Island	

Of the States which carry no insurance, ten have provided emergency funds, from which fire losses may be paid without awaiting action by the Legislature. They are: California, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Washington.

Of the above States, three have set aside fire insurance funds, used for no purpose other than to replace losses. These are: Minnesota, Pennsylvania and Tennessee.

It should be noted that Pennsylvania has established a fund, derived from different permanent sources of revenue. When the fund reaches one million dollars, the excess is to be transferred annually to the General Treasury.

Four States have passed legislation under which public property is insured in a State fund by the same method as used in insuring with private companies. These States are:

Florida.
North Dakota

South Carolina
Wisconsin.

The most interesting experiment of this nature is that conducted in South Carolina. Provision has been made to insure the property of the State, as well as the counties, cities, villages and school districts. Premiums are paid by the different departments and localities to the State fund, in the same manner as if to private companies. Starting with the sum of \$73.75 in 1900, the fund has grown in twenty years so that it now reaches almost \$400,000.00. When the surplus reaches one million dollars, the income will be so large that all State, county and municipal property will be insured free of charge. The State limits its liability to \$15,000.00 on an individual risk of brick or stone construction, and \$5,000.00 on a frame building, the balance being reinsured in private companies. I have attached to the report a copy of the law in force in South Carolina, together with a statement showing how the fund has increased from year to year. Similar provisions are now in force in North Dakota and Wisconsin. In these States, however, the fund insured individual risks up to \$100,000.00, the balance being reinsured in private companies. When the fund in South Dakota reaches ten per cent. of the risks, the premium rate will be lowered. Until then the premium rate is the same as that charged by private companies. In Florida premiums are to be paid only until the fund reaches \$150,000.00.

In Maryland some of the insurance is placed and paid for by the Board of Public Works. In other instances it is placed and paid for by the boards of institutions or departments having State property under their control. If the system of insuring in private companies is to be continued, I suggest that all of it be placed by the State Treasurer or by the Board of Public Works, and the premium be paid out of one appropriation. If some other plan of insuring is contemplated, I hope that the attached report may be helpful in formulating a conclusion as to what ought to be done.

Very truly yours

(Signed) PHILIP B. PERLMAN

Secretary of State.

It was decided that until some other plan for insuring State property is adopted by the Legislature, the handling of all policies should be centralized in the office of the State Treasurer. The Governor announced that he would appropriate in the Budget the sum of \$35,000.00 to the office of the State Treasurer for the purpose of paying premiums on policies; that all State institutions and departments would be requested to send all policies in their custody to the State Treasurer, and that all institutions and departments requesting appropriations for State insurance or making allowances for the payment of premiums in the Budget would be requested to transfer such funds when available to the State Treasurer to be expended by him in payment for premiums.

The Secretary was directed to ask the Attorney General to prepare the necessary resolution and advertisement for the sale of bonds under Chapter 727 of the Acts of 1920.

The Secretary submitted the following vouchers:

November 7th, 1921.

The Maryland Industrial Training School for Girls,
Woodensburg, Maryland.

Gentlemen:

This is to certify that the Armstrong Stove Company is entitled to \$1,000.00, amount due them as the third payment under their contract for the heating of the Administration Building and

Receiving Cottage at the Industrial School for Girls, Woodensburg, Maryland, payable this date in accordance with their contract dated May 21st, 1921.

By the making of the above third payment, the statement of this account will be as follows:

Amount of contract	\$7,743.00	
Less 20% reserval	1,548.60	\$1,548.60
Net amount payable upon completion	\$6,194.40	
Amount previous approved -	\$4,300.00	
Amount of this certificate	1,000.00	5,300.00 894.40
Total balance unapproved	\$2,443.00	

Respectfully yours,

SMITH & MAY
C. L. REEDER

November 7th, 1921.

The Maryland Industrial Training School for Girls,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Gentlemen:

This is to certify that Messrs. Davis & Boublitz are entitled to \$2,000.00, amount due them as the fourth payment under their contract for plumbing and sewage work for the Maryland Industrial Training School for Girls, near Woodensburg, Maryland, payable this date in accordance with contract dated May 21st, 1921.

By the making of the above fourth payment, the statement of this account will be as follows:

Amount of contract	\$16,193.00	
Less 20% reserval	3,238.60	\$3,238.60
Amount payable upon completion of work	\$12,954.40	
Amount previously approved -	\$8,000.00	
Amount of this certificate -	2,000.00	10,000.00 2,954.40
Total balance unapproved	\$6,193.00	

Respectfully yours,

SMITH & MAY
S. L. REEDER

Baltimore, Maryland.
November 12th, 1921

Certificate #4.

Frainie Brothers & Haigley hereinafter called Contractors.

The Maryland Industrial Training School for Girls..hereinafter called
Owners.

Amount of contract not more than \$52547.00	Amount paid \$26197.24
	Balance due 20462.53
	This Certf. 15887.23

According to the contract of June 3rd, 1921, we approve payment of the sum of:-
FIFTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED & EIGHTY-SEVEN 23/100 DOLLARS
(\$15887.23) being the sum of the fourth payment.

SMITH & MAY
WILSON L. SMITH.

The action of the Secretary in issuing the checks of the Board of Public Works in payment of the above vouchers was approved.

The Secretary submitted the following letter showing the manner in which the vouchers for the payment of the bills on the construction of the Maryland Industrial Training School for Girls had been made.

November 17th, 1921.

Hon. Albert C. Ritchie,
Governor of Maryland,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Governor Ritchie:

Up to the present date the Board of Public Works has paid out on account of the acquisition of a new site in the country of the Maryland Industrial Training School for Girls, the following sums:

March	16	.....	\$31,904.25
April	6	.....	500.00
	6	.....	132.80
	6	.....	224.59
	12	.....	92.99
	12	.....	500.00
	12	.....	107.85
	12	.....	165.76
	12	.....	76.15
	12	.....	144.00
	19	.....	3,151.70
July	8	.....	3,580.18
Aug.	3	.....	7,146.67
	15	.....	1,920.00
	29	.....	2,400.00
	29	.....	1,600.00
Sept.	2	.....	8,820.85
	16	.....	4,080.00
	20	.....	1,900.00
	16	.....	1,600.00
Oct.	13	.....	10,229.72
	13	.....	2,000.00
Nov.	16	.....	2,000.00
	17	.....	1,000.00
TOTAL			\$85,277.51

The receipts from the two sales of bonds, under the provisions of Chapter 727 of the Acts of 1920, are as follows:

February, 1921	\$473,747.30
August, 1921	499,300.00
TOTAL	\$973,047.30

The pro-rata share to which the Maryland Industrial Training School for Girls is entitled is, therefore \$97,304.75. The balance after the reduction of the sum of \$85,277.51 remaining to the credit of the institution is as follows:

Amount due	\$ 97,304.73
Amount paid out	85,277.51
Balance	\$ 12,027.22

The only unpaid voucher to date received from Messrs. Smith and May is one for the payment of \$15,887.23 to Messrs. Frainie Brothers and Haigley. After I have drawn the check of the Board of Public Works for the balance credited to the institution, this leaves the following amount still due:

Amount of voucher	\$ 15,887.23
Balance due from bond issue ..	12,027.22
Amount still due	\$ 3,860.01

Mr. Dennis has in his hands as State Treasurer the sum of

\$10,000.00 paid to him as a deposit by the Washington Annual Conference. Under the contract for the purchase of the institution's property at 1500 North Carey Street. This amount, as you know, has been forfeited by reason of the failure of the purchasers to carry out the contract. I have, therefore, arranged for Mr. Dennis to give me his check on this fund for the sum of \$3,860.01 which will complete the amount due on the vouchers to date, and which will leave in Mr. Dennis' hands the sum of \$6,139.99, together with such interest as may have accumulated since the time the money was turned over to him. Before getting this money from Mr. Dennis, I obtained a letter to him from Mr. Ulman, Treasurer of the Board, authorizing its payment as required under the Act authorizing the sale of the property.

I hope that the above arrangement is satisfactory.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) PHILIP B. PERLMAN

Secretary of State.

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The Board approved the payment of the following bills by the Secretary:

November 14th, 1921.

Salary:		
To Philip B. Perlman, November salary as Secretary Board of Public Works -----	\$	125.00
Rent of Baltimore Offices (December):		
Board of Public Works -----	\$	231.25
State Auditor -----		105.82
Bank Commissioner -----		169.58
Board of State Aid & Charities -----		105.82
Advisory Board of Parole -----		75.00
State Plumbing Board -----		50.00
State Board of Health -----		125.00
Central Purchasing Bureau -----		257.08
State Employment Commissioner -----		90.00
		1,309.55
State Office Supplies:		
To Union Trust Co., local telephone service for October, 1921 -----		26.05
To Baltimore Towel Supply Co., service at Baltimore Office for October ----		7.85
To Tripure Water Co., water for Baltimore office for October -----		1.00
To American Ice Co., ice for Baltimore office for October -----		5.20
		40.10

November 14th, 1921.

State Insurance:		
To Allen B. Howard, Annapolis, Md., Premium on three policies on Emergency Hospital, Annapolis, Maryland, aggregating \$40,000, for one year from November 7th, 1921 -----		200.00
To Central Fire Insurance Co., of Baltimore, Md., Premium on \$5,000 policy on Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium for one year from October 17, 1921 -----		50.00
		250.00
Contingent Fund:		
To Albert S. Cook, Superintendent Public Education for fire losses at State Normal School at Towson -----	2,737.80	2,737.80

November 18th, 1921:

State Insurance:		
To Boyd A. Reinhart, Cumberland, Md., Premiums on State Normal School, Frostburg, for five years from November 13, 1921 -----		428.50

Credit covering the term of above policies
reduced to one year ----- 321.30 107.20

To F.G.Thomas & Son, Frederick, Md.

Premiums on policies on Tuberculosis
Sanatorium as follows:

\$14,000	1 year from Nov. 13, 1921	-----	91.02
2,000	1 year from Nov. 28, 1921	-----	8.00
12,000	1 year from Nov. 29, 1921	-----	90.00

5,000, 1 year from Nov. 24, 1921, on boilers of State School for the deaf	-----	26.03	215.05
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November 22, 1921.

State Insurance:

To J. Ramsay Barry & Co., Baltimore, Md.

Premiums on six policies on State

House aggregating \$130,000, for one

year from November 22, 1921	-----	520.00
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November 28th, 1921.

State Insurance:

To The L. Philip Skinner Co., Cambridge,
Md. Interest on policy on Cambridge Armory

Building	-----	1.13
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To J. Richard Smith, Cambridge, Md.,

Interest on Policy on Cambridge Armory

Building,	-----	1.02	2.15
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November 29th, 1921.

State Insurance:

To A. Theodore Brady, Annapolis, Md.

Premium on \$20,000. policies (2 at

\$10,000. each) on Court of Appeals Build-

ing and contents	-----	56.42
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State Office Supplies:

To C. & P. Telephone Co., Baltimore, Md.

(St. Paul 4300)

November rental	-----	5.00
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249 additional messages for Oct.,	-----	11.37
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October toll service	-----	4.75	21.12
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November 30th, 1921.

State Insurance:

To John G. Rolker, Inc., Baltimore, Md.

Premium on Policies aggregating

\$40,000. on Maryland House of

Correction for one year from December

11, 1921	-----	360.74
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The minutes of the meeting of November 9th were approved.

There being no further business the meeting thereupon adjourned.

Philip B. Terhman
Secretary to the Board.